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### Resolution 6.7

Conservation and Management of Critical Feeding Areas, Core Areas  
around Colonies and Commuting Routes



*The Meeting of the Parties to the Agreement on the Conservation of Populations of European Bats (hereafter “the Agreement”),*

*Recalling* Resolution 4.9 Implementation of the Conservation and Management Plan(2003 – 2006), point 4: Foraging habitats; to produce a synthesis of methods used to study the critical feeding areas and commuting routes and to produce guidance for the national guidelines for bat habitat conservation;

*Recognising* that bats are dependent on good feeding areas near the roost especially when large numbers of bats are present;

*Recognising* the importance of landscape connectivity as commuting routes between roosts and feeding areas;

*Recognising* the need for guidance in the conservation and management of such feeding areas and commuting routes;

*Urges* Parties and Non-Party Range States to:

1. Raise awareness of the importance of critical feeding areas, core areas around known colonies and commuting routes for bats;
2. Ensure that the needs of bats are taken into account in land use and planning decisions;
3. Encourage research and monitoring to improve our understanding of the use of landscape by bats;
4. Develop appropriate national guidelines, drawing on the general guidance to be published by the Advisory Committee.

*Encourages* the Advisory Committee to complete their work on this important area and to publish generic guidance as soon as possible.